

**TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: Town-wide

ITEM REQUEST: Schedule for Council Meeting

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: OPPOSITION - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, IN OPPOSITION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE EXPANSION OF OIL AND GAS DRILLING AREAS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES TO PERPETUATE COAL USAGE

REPORT IN BRIEF: On February 4, 2010, the Green Energy and Environmental Committee recommended that Town Council adopt a resolution concerning national energy policies. This action was proposed by Green Energy and Environmental Committee member James Webb, after discussion of the following excerpt from 2010 State of the Union:

“But to create more of these clean energy jobs, we need more production, more efficiency, and more incentives. And that means building a new generation of safe, clean nuclear power plants in this country. (Applause) It means making tough decisions about opening new offshore areas for oil and gas development. (Applause) It means continued investment in advanced bio-fuels and clean coal technologies. (Applause) And, yes, it means passing a comprehensive energy and climate bill with incentives that will finally make clean energy the profitable kind of energy in America. (Applause)”

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: n/a

CONCURRENCES: At the February 4, 2010 Green Energy and Environmental Committee meeting, Mr. Weinberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burgess, to adopt a resolution concerning national energy policies based on the following statement proposed by Mr. Webb:

“The Town of Davie Green Energy and Environment Committee strongly disagree with any plans to build new nuclear power plants in the United States, to expand drilling for oil and gas, or to develop technologies to perpetuate coal usage. The committee believes that no legitimate guarantees can be made about the future of nuclear safety, especially considering the possibility of an attack on, or sabotage of, a nuclear power plant. We further believe that drilling always harms the environment, and that no usage of coal which results in any carbon emissions can be considered "clean." Truly clean energy and vehicle fuel technologies, such as solar, wind, hydrogen, and waste bio-fuel, are practical today, and can offset any energy gains from expanding usage of oil, gas, or coal.”(Motion carried 9-0, with Mr. Powers absent)

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

RECOMMENDATION(S): Other - Staff finds the application complete and suitable for transmittal to Town Council for further consideration.

Attachment(s): resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, IN
OPPOSITION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW NUCLEAR
POWER PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IN OPPOSITION
TO THE EXPANSION OF OIL AND GAS DRILLING AREAS AND
THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES TO PERPETUATE
COAL USAGE

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Davie recognizes that safeguarding
the environment, natural resources, and conservation of energy, are significant benefit
and importance to the residents of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Town Council created the Green Energy and
Environmental Committee to provide advice to the Town Council and to the Town
Administration, on matters of environmental protection, resource conservation and
energy efficiency, including the development of goals and strategies, educational
campaigns, and efforts to promote Town accomplishments on these matters; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2010, the Green Energy and
Environmental Committee considered an excerpt from the 2010 Presidential State of
the Union; see exhibit A attached; and

WHEREAS, the Green Energy and Environmental Committee recommended
against the construction of new nuclear power plants in the United States, and against
the expansion of oil and gas drilling areas and the development of technologies to
perpetuate coal usage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN
OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie does hereby approve the proposed following policy statement:

The Town of Davie opposes the construction of new nuclear power plants in the United States, and opposes the expansion of oil and gas drilling areas and the development of technologies to perpetuate coal usage. The Town of Davie believes that no legitimate guarantees can be made about the future of nuclear safety, especially considering the possibility of an attack on, or sabotage of, a nuclear power plant, that drilling always harms the environment, and that no usage of coal which results in any carbon emissions can be considered "clean." Truly clean energy and vehicle fuel technologies, such as solar, wind, hydrogen, and waste bio-fuel, are practical today, and can offset any energy gains from expanding usage of oil, gas, or coal.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to Florida Governor Charlie Crist, the State Senate President, the State Speaker of the House, the Broward County Legislative Delegation to the State of Florida Senate and House of Representatives, the United States Senate for the State of Florida and to Broward County's Representatives in the United States House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2010.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2010.

Exhibit A

Excerpt from the Presidential 2010 State of the Union:

(Provide by James Webb, Green Energy and Environmental Committee Member)

“But to create more of these clean energy jobs, we need more production, more efficiency, and more incentives. And that means building a new generation of safe, clean nuclear power plants in this country. (Applause) It means making tough decisions about opening new offshore areas for oil and gas development. (Applause) It means continued investment in advanced bio-fuels and clean coal technologies. (Applause) And, yes, it means passing a comprehensive energy and climate bill with incentives that will finally make clean energy the profitable kind of energy in America. (Applause)”